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## Message from the Commanding General United States Army Training and Doctrine Command

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND & SUMMER SAFETY

Memorial Day is traditionally recognized as the kick-off to the summer season and one of the deadliest holiday weekends on our nation's highways. The good news is last year TRADOC did not lose a Soldier to a privately owned vehicle (POV) accident over the Memorial Day weekend – let's repeat our record this year!

Unfortunately, our POV accident experience this year is not good. I am deeply troubled with the increasing tragic toll of Soldier deaths from POV accidents. To date this FY, TRADOC has lost 11 Soldiers in POV related accidents and the high risk summer season still looms ahead of us.

I want your personal involvement to stop these trends – positive leadership at all command levels is imperative. Energize and empower your first-line supervisors and junior leaders to identify and intervene to stop the “**next accident.**”

As you attack rising POV accident trends, do not lose sight of the hazards associated with the coming summer season. Seasonal hazards associated with outdoor recreation, boating, and swimming, as well as the hazards posed by severe weather and high temperatures, requires your leadership to ensure our subordinate leaders and Soldiers maintain their situational awareness and implement appropriate countermeasures to reduce hazards or limit exposure both on and off duty.

Tools and resources available to assist in your efforts include the TRADOC Summer Safety Guide (<http://www.tradoc.army.mil>) and the Combat Readiness Center's POV Toolbox & Six Point Program (<https://crc.army.mil/RiskManagement>).

Victory Starts Here!

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